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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING BIOMASS YIELD OF LACTIC ACID  
BACTERIAL CULTURES

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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Sir:

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of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76) (3 pages).

Preliminary Amendment (7 pages).

Specification, Claims, and Abstract (48 pages).

Formal drawings (2 sheets, Figures 1-2).

Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages).



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Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).

Form PTOSB/08 (3 pages).

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Basic Fee				\$750.00	\$750.00
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Independents:	3	3	= 0	x \$84.00 =	\$0.00
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